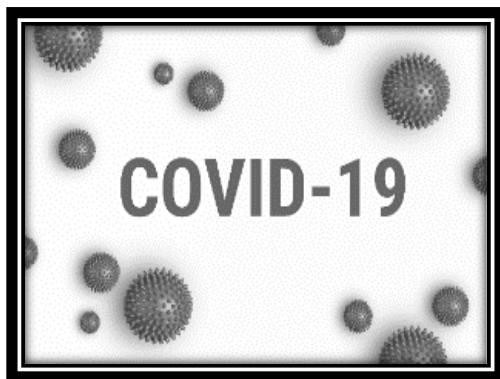




## The Coronavirus and Our Village



As you know, the Coronavirus is making its way into Illinois. We would like to take this chance to update you on what is going on and to point you to some resources. The Village does advise residents to prepare and be familiar with what is recommended in order to help minimize the risk of COVID-19 spread.

Symptoms reported among patients have included mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. Public health officials are encouraging the public to not alter their daily routines and remain vigilant about keeping germs from spreading by covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands with warm soap and water, and staying home when sick.

CDC advises that people follow these tips to help prevent respiratory illnesses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick with respiratory symptoms.
- Stay home when you are sick and stay away from other people, except to receive medical care.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. (This is consideration of others)
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- If you have not already done so, discuss influenza vaccination with your health care provider to help protect you against seasonal influenza.

Older persons and persons with compromised immunity/respiratory systems have a higher risk of getting it. There are no vaccinations available as of yet, so doing the above is especially important.

Face masks will not help you from preventing infections. If you are infected, face masks will help you from spreading it.

Questions regarding the Coronavirus should be directed to the Illinois Department of Public Health, call the COVID-19 Hotline at 1-800-889-3931, or email [DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV](mailto:DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV), or visit the IDPH website at [www.dph.illinois.gov](http://www.dph.illinois.gov).

The City of Chicago has an excellent section on their website addressing the Coronavirus at [www.chicago.gov/coronavirus](http://www.chicago.gov/coronavirus). The Center for Disease Control is also an excellent resource, you can visit their website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). We hope everyone has a healthy spring!

# Mark Your Calendar for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt



**APRIL 11, 2020 – 11:00am – BLACKHAWK PARK**

The Easter Bunny will be hopping into the Village Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Blackhawk Park. As usual Indian Head Park will be hosting the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, so come and enjoy the festivities and get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny too! A petting zoo and pony rides will also be part of the fun. The event starts at 11:00am, so come down and bring the whole family, because all ages are welcome! Participants who find an egg with a gold coin inside wins a special prize!

## Coffee & Donuts with Mayor Hinshaw & Chief Stelter

Mayor Hinshaw will host a "Coffee with the Mayor" event from 9 a.m. to 11:00 am, Saturday, March 28, 2020, at the Heritage Center Library located at 6250 Wolf Road, Indian Head Park. The event is an opportunity to meet the new Chief of Police Steven Stelter and talk about issues, discuss concerns, or just have a chance to meet the Mayor and Chief and have coffee and donuts. Mayor Hinshaw has hosted these "Coffee with the Mayor" events as a way to meet with residents informally, outside of board meetings and other official events. As always, complimentary donuts and coffee will be provided.



## **UPCOMING** *Events* **MARCH - APRIL 2020**

Thursday, March 12th

*Village Board of Trustees Meeting*

7:00 pm - Village Hall

Wednesday, March 25th

*Town Hall Meeting*

*Refuse & Leaf Pick-up*

6:00 - 7:00 pm - Village Hall

Saturday, April 11th

*Annual Easter Egg Hunt*

11:00 am - Blackhawk Park

## State of The Village

Hello to my fellow Indian Head Park residents. As we start 2020, the health of our Village is strong. Our financial position is secure with about \$ 1,800,000 in the bank, which is about four months of cash on hand and what our Finance Committee has stated to be our goal for cash reserves. We operate with a balanced budget. With our capital plan, we continue to work on roads, water, sewer and storm water systems and other infrastructure. We are working closely with the Illinois Tollway on the I-294 project. The budget and capital plan are both on our website.

We want all information to be available to our residents, so we work hard to be open and transparent. We broadcast our monthly Village Board meetings on Comcast Channel 6, Facebook Live and videos are always posted on our website a few days after the meeting. If there is something that you want to see that it is not online, please let us know.

We have been working with Cook County on a new “complete street” for Wolf Road throughout the Village. A complete street means a newly built road with curb, gutters, center turn lane, and pedestrian access on both sides of Wolf Road. This is a five to eight year project, but we have been making progress in working with the County. There will be many updates about the project and some parts of the project will still need to be figured out.

The rebuild of Acacia Drive is moving forward with the potential to have the construction begin in 2021. We are looking for updates in June 2020 for options on the sidewalk location.

Recently the Village Board approved allowing the retail sales of cannabis in the Village as a special use. If at some point we are to get an application from a business to open a cannabis retail sales store, we will use our established special use permitting process to address many of the concerns raised by our residents. This process is not a guarantee of approval, it is a process that requires greater transparency in the decision-making process, including but not limited to public notifications and public hearings.

Please sign up for SMART911 to receive emergency messages from the Village. I also encourage everyone to sign up for updates from our website. You can sign up to receive notices about meetings, when news is posted, and many other options. Please note, we have a service on our web site, the Concern and Complaint Portal, where you can fill out a “work” ticket on an issue you would like the Village to address.

Lastly, our beautiful Village was named the 27<sup>th</sup> Best Suburban Community in the Nation by the community related website Niche, rated as the 81<sup>st</sup> safest small town in the US by Safewise.com and Moneyinc.com has rated Indian Head Park as the 12<sup>th</sup> best place to live in Illinois. I am very proud to serve as your Mayor, and it is wonderful that we have been recognized as the fantastic community that we are. I am available to address your community group, condo association, club, or neighborhood coffee to address all things Indian Head Park. Happy to hear from you at [thinshaw@indianheadpark-il.gov](mailto:thinshaw@indianheadpark-il.gov) or 708-497-9745.

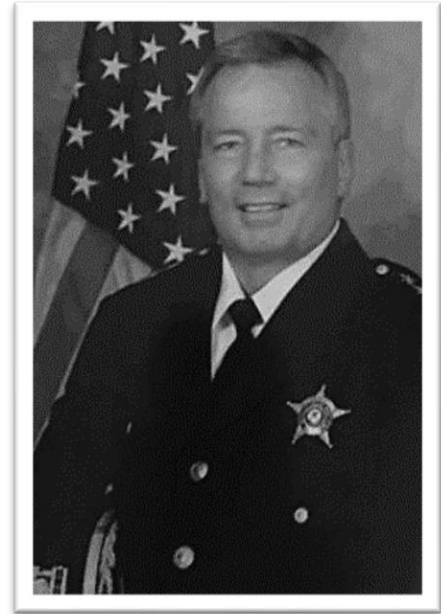


*Sincerely, Mayor Tom Hinshaw*

**\*\*\* REMINDER: VEHICLE STICKERS ON SALE MAY 1<sup>st</sup> - JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 \*\*\***

## **Welcome To Our New Chief of Police!**

Steven Stelter has been the Chief of Police for the Westchester Police Department since February 2016. Prior to Westchester, Chief Stelter was the Police Chief for the Village of Brookfield for eight years. Chief Stelter began his law enforcement career in 1976 in the United States Army as a Military Policeman, where he proudly served with the 77<sup>th</sup> Military Police Detachment in Mannheim, Germany. Upon being Honorably Discharged in June 1979, Chief Stelter was hired by the DuPage County Sheriff's Office in October 1979, where he spent the next 28 years and retired in November 2007. While at the Sheriff's Office, Chief Stelter's duties included: patrol officer, patrol sergeant, detective sergeant, community policing supervisor, patrol watch commander (Lieutenant), gang unit supervisor, and Deputy Director of the DuPage County Auto Theft Task Force.



Chief Stelter has been a law enforcement trainer for fifteen years and spent thirteen years on the DuPage County Sheriff Special Operations Unit (SWAT), where he was a team leader and a certified instructor in less lethal force, self-defense and arrest tactics. Chief Stelter also worked as an instructor for the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn for eight of those years. Chief is currently the president of the Illinois Association of Chiefs and is also a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and serves there as the Illinois representative with the State Association of Chiefs of Police (SACOP). Currently, he is a member of the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Pre-Trial Practices and serves on the Arrest Decision/Pre-Arrestment Subcommittee. Chief Stelter belongs to the West Suburban Chiefs of Police Association, where he served as the President from 2012-2014 and is currently the association's Parliamentarian. He also served on the Training Curriculum Committee with North East Multi-Regional Training (NEMRT). Chief Stelter is a 2000 graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command (Class 144) and graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2010 (Session 241). He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Lewis University and a Master's Degree in Public Safety Administration from Lewis University. He currently is an adjunct professor with Elmhurst College and is the State Director for the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run with Special Olympics Illinois. Steve and his wife, Laura, of 31 years reside in Lombard and have two children and one grandchild.

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## **Indian Head Park has Auto-Pay for Water Bills!**



The staff at Village Hall wanted to remind residents with Indian Head Park Water Service that direct debit for your water bills is now available. Although Village Staff loves to see our residents when it is time to pay the water bills, we know some residents had voiced their opinions on the convenience of having direct debit. Ask and you shall receive! You can come in and pick up a direct debit form, you can find the form on the website, or call the office and we can email you a sign-up form. As always, you can still pay your bill with check, cash or credit at Village Hall.



# Spring Scampi & Chives

*Recipe by:*

**Gerald Becker - IHP Plumbing Inspector**

These garlicky, lemony shrimp come together in just 15 minutes for a speedy weeknight dinner. Serve with crusty bread for mopping up the luscious butter sauce.



## INGREDIENTS & DIRECTIONS:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
  - 2 tablespoons butter
  - 4 cloves garlic, minced
  - ¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper
  - 1 pound raw jumbo shrimp (21 to 25 count), shelled, tails left on
  - ½ cup dry white wine
  - ¼ teaspoon salt
  - 4 tablespoons coarsely chopped chives
  - 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
  - Italian Bread
1. In a large skillet, heat olive oil and butter over medium-high heat.
  2. Add garlic and red pepper; cook 1 minute. Add shrimp; cook 1 minute. Turn shrimp. Add wine and salt; cook 1 minute more.
  3. Remove from heat; stir in chives and lemon juice. Serve in bowls with bread for soaking up liquid.

## **DON'T BE LATE**

**VEHICLE STICKERS GO ON SALE  
MAY 1<sup>st</sup> – JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020!!**

You can purchase in person at Village Hall, or purchase online at [www.indianheadpark-il.gov](http://www.indianheadpark-il.gov)

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# **Township of Lyons Offers Free Transportation for Seniors!**

The Township of Lyons offers residents 60 years of age and older and for those with a Disability free transportation. Please read on for more information on this amazing service!

You can register for this program by calling the Township of Lyons Senior Service office, Monday-Friday, 8:00-3:30 at (708)-354-0292.

## **Transportation Service Boundaries:**

- North - 39<sup>th</sup> St./Ogden Ave
- South - 87<sup>th</sup> St.
- East - Harlem Ave
- West - County Line Road

## **Reservation Procedures are as follows:**

- Call Monday - Friday, 8:00am -3:00pm, (708)-354-0292.
- Non-medical appointments, please call to make a reservation for a ride ONE day in advance.
- Note: On Holidays call the day before to make a reservation for the next day following the holiday.



## **Medical Appointments:**

Please call in ADVANCE to make a reservation for any Medical appointment as soon as you confirm your appointment.

## **Pick up times:**

- Medical appointments may be picked up 1 hour before schedule.
- Times may vary due to busy route, location, unavoidable delays, etc.
- We will keep you informed of any changes, delays in pick up times.
- We will give you a courtesy call 10-15 minutes before your bus arrives to pick you up.

## **Shopping Days:**

- You may go grocery shopping once a week. Please limit your trip to 3 bags.
- Please do not bring large folding shopping carts.
- Grocery Shopping Days are Tuesday or Thursday for Indian Head Park resident

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## **U.S. Census 2020 – Indian Head Park Counts!**

Beginning in mid-March 2020, people will receive a notice in the mail to complete the 2020 Census. Once you receive it, you can respond online. In May, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin following up in person with households that haven't responded to the census. Once a decade, America comes together to count every resident in the United States. The census counts our population and households, providing the basis for reapportioning congressional seats, redistricting, and distributing federal funds that annually support states, counties and communities' vital programs impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care and public policy. Getting a complete and accurate count in 2020 requires everyone's help. Individuals, businesses, community organizations, schools and others have a role to play. We all have a stake in making sure everyone is accounted for.



## Third Consecutive Year of G.F.O.A. Budget Award!



Every year our Village Administrator, John DuRocher and our Finance Manager, Argelia Garbacz extensively compile a budget, down to the last penny to ensure our Village Taxpayer's money is allotted correctly, and used in the most economically responsible ways. The Government Finance Officers Association, also known as GFOA, is a national organization, which has given the Village of Indian Head Park the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the third year in a row! This is not an easy task, so we want to spotlight John and Argelia's hard work

and months of dedication to put together our fiscal integrity and transparency! The GFOA established the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program (Budget Awards Program) in 1984 to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal. Documents submitted to the Budget Awards Program are reviewed by selected members of the GFOA professional staff and by outside reviewers with experience in public-sector budgeting. Thank you John DuRocher and Argelia Garbacz!

*(Above Left: John DuRocher & Argelia Garbacz posing with the 2019 GFOA Distinguished Budget Award)*



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# Backflow Devices Mandated Within IHP For Some Residents

The Indian Head Park Water Department and Plumbing Inspector will be identifying addresses within the Village limits that are in need of testable backflow devices to be compliant with state and federal mandated laws. This is done for the health and safety of the drinking water in our distribution system. The "General" timeframe, expected to start inspections, is the spring of 2020.

## *So what is a Backflow Device or a Backflow Preventer?*

A backflow preventer is a device that's installed on your home's water pipes that allows water to flow in one direction but never in the opposite direction. Its sole job is to prevent drinking water from being contaminated due to backflow.

## *What is "backflow" and how does it happen?*

Is it something you need to be worried about as an Indian Head Park homeowner? Don't worry, we'll answer all these questions and more. To start, let's look at exactly how contamination can happen.

## *How does "backflow" happen in the first place?*

When water enters your home from the main water supply line, it should only ever flow in one direction: *into* your home. But sometimes, due to pressure changes in the pipes, that water can actually flow backwards and seep back into the main water supply line.

For example, backflow can happen when there's a break in the main water line or when a fire hydrant is opened for use. Because pressure is lost during these events, water is no longer being pushed forward into your home and will flow backwards into the city water lines.

And when this happens, backflow can contaminate the public drinking supply with:

- Fertilizers/pesticides
- Human waste
- Chlorine from pools/spas
- Sink, dishwasher, shower soaps

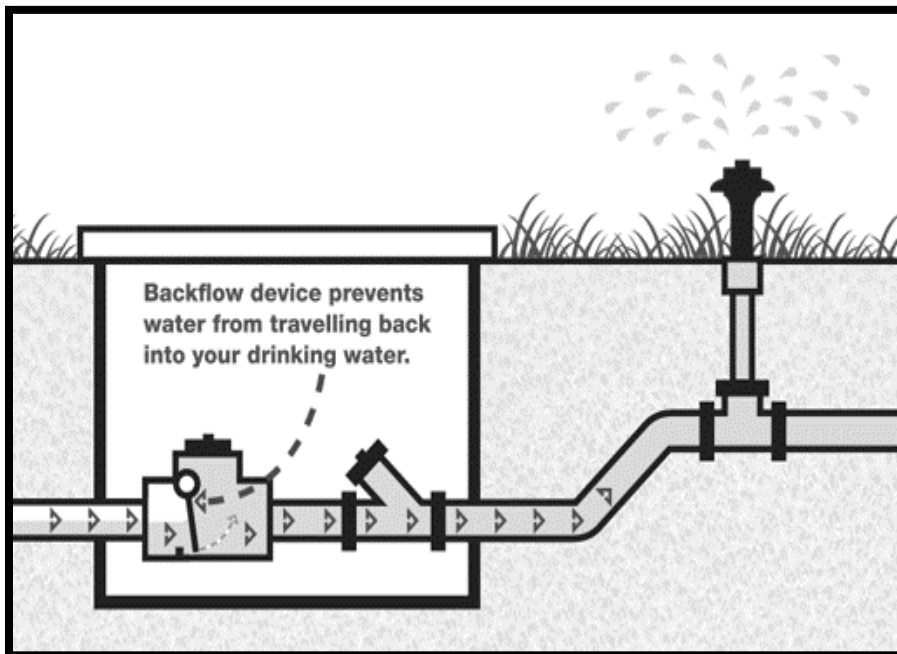
This is where backflow prevention systems come in handy. Let's take a closer look at how a backflow prevention system works.

A backflow prevention system... prevents backflow.

Backflow prevention systems are devices installed onto a pipe that only allow water to flow in one direction. Think of it as a one-way gate that allows water from the

village's public water supply to flow into your home's piping but stops water if and when it ever tries to flow backwards into the main water supply. For a better idea of how backflow preventers work, please take a look at the diagram (*above right*).

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## **Backflow Devices Mandated Within IHP For Some *continued...***

*How do I know if I need a backflow prevention system installed at my house?*

First off, any Indian Head Park resident who has an irrigation system/sprinkler system is required to install a TESTABLE backflow preventer at the water meter (because systems are at risk of contamination due to backflow).

*Are you an Indian Head Park resident without an irrigation system?*

If so, you're probably wondering if you need a backflow prevention device installed at your home. The answer is no, however, we still highly recommend you have a backflow preventer installed anywhere incoming water and wastewater might be cross-connected. We thank you for your cooperation! Any questions please call our Water Superintendent, Justin Fuller at 708-246-1233 or Village Hall at 708-246-3080, you can also email us at [admin@indainheadpark-il.gov](mailto:admin@indainheadpark-il.gov).

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## **Water Meter & Water Leaks, What Can We Do About It?**

Residential water bills are generated directly from water meter readings, taken every 58-60 days. Water meters, which is the measure used for billing purposes, and readings are not estimated. Leaks from plumbing, pipes, and water fixtures can be a significant source of water waste, and an added water billing expense for many households. Some leaks are obvious, like leaking water heaters and dripping faucets. Many other leaks, however, can go undetected for long periods if the source of the leak is not easily visible. Large leaks can usually



be detected using your water bill, and keeping track of your normal range of water usage. Here is one way to detect a water leak using your meter, make sure all water inside the house is turned off and that no water equipment such as irrigation systems, or appliances are in use. Record the water meter reading, and wait (at least 15 minutes, and up to 2 hours) before taking a second reading. If the water meter reading has increased during this time with no water usage, it may indicate a leak. The EPA suggests taking a look at water usage during the colder months of January and February, and advises that if a family of four exceeds 12,000 gallons per month, it could be a sign of serious leaks somewhere in or outside of the home. Toilet leaks are a very common source of residential water leaks. While large leaks can emit a hissing sound, most toilet leaks are undetected because the leak is inaudible, and out of sight. Shower and faucet leaks are also common. A slow dripping faucet can waste more than 1,000 gallons of water per year. Depending on your faucet type and your familiarity with plumbing, many faucet leaks can be repaired by homeowners, but some will require a plumber. Other sources of water leaks may include whole house humidifier leaks, irrigation system leaks, swimming pool, and fountain leaks.

### **Water Leak Run Down:**

- A dripping faucet/spigot at your home can use 2-20 gallons a day which is up to 600 gallons a month.
- A running faucet can use 3-5 gallons a minute, or in a 24 hour period, 7,200 gallons of water.
- A leaking toilet can use 4-10 gallons per hour, or 96-240 gallons in a 24 hour period.
- Check for leaky pipes and loose connections to appliances. A pinhole leak in a pipe or loose connection can lose up to 170 gallons of water per day.

# **Residential Solid Waste Collection To Be Determined**

The Village is seeking proposals for the establishment of a residential solid waste collection and disposal service. Currently, residents of the Village must purchase their own refuse and recycling services, and this means that they are often paying a higher price than the residents of nearby communities who have a municipal contract. Due to this, the Village has started seeking bids for Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Service, with the hope that by pooling our resources we can reduce the amount that residents will have to pay while improving services at the same time.

We are still in the process of receiving bids and no potential contract will be awarded until April. As of right now the goal of the Village is to consider a contract that would cover all single-family detached homes as well as the townhomes in Ashbrook. The Acacia Townhomes and the 111 Acacia Drive Wilshire Condominium building are both optional components of the bid, and potential contractors can choose to include them or not.



List of Components the Village is Considering;

- **REFUSE**
  - Options that Residents would be able to choose:
    1. “Pay-per-Bag”: A sticker-based program in which residents would purchase their own refuse stickers and use them when they need their refuse picked up.
    2. Toter Collection: Residents would be able to rent 35, 65, or 95-gallon toters and would pay a monthly fee depending on the size chosen.
- **RECYCLING**
  - Options that residents would be able to choose:
    1. 20 or 32-gallon recycling cart with no fee (sizes may vary).
- **LEAF VACUUMING** (*Optional Component: Contractors may or may not bid on this*)
  - The Village is considering the establishment of an annual leaf vacuuming program. Residents would need to rake leaves into the parkway, within (3) feet of the curb line, and then the contractor would come by and vacuum up the leaves.
  - This would be an annual program lasting (6) weeks from mid-October through November, in which each resident will receive at least (3) leaf pickups each year.
- **BRUSH PICKUP** (*Optional Component: Contractors may or may not bid on this*)
  - The Village is considering the establishment of a brush pickup program. Residents would be able to place the brush in the parkway, and then the brush would be collected.
  - There would be (3) pickups between May and November of each year. The pickup times would be spaced out throughout this time period.
- **BILLING**
  - Currently, the plan is that each resident would be billed directly, with the possible exception of Homeowner Associations, that may be billed as an association.

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# **Residential Solid Waste Collection To Be Determined**

It is important to note that the exact specifications for any solid waste collection and disposal program could be somewhat different than those listed previously, it will depend on the bids that the Village receives from potential contractors and the details of any contract that the Village establishes. The Village is committed to the goal of improving services and reducing prices for the residents and values any and all input that residents have about waste collection and disposal services. *If you would like to learn more about the current proposed program we invite you to attend a town hall meeting on March 25, 2020, at 6:00 PM to discuss the details of and answer any questions related to a contract for the establishment of waste collection and disposal services in Indian Head Park. This meeting will be held in the Boardroom at Village Hall, 201 Acacia Drive.*

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## **New Deck Install and Deck Remodelling within Indian Head Park**

Now that Spring is arriving, you may be adding or making improvements to your outdoor living spaces. Here are some guidelines for new deck installation or deck remodeling to follow to make obtaining the Building Permit submission easier.

1. Fill out the Building Permit Application with the Plan Review Submittal Deposit of \$275.00, this is just a deposit that will go towards your building permit fees. The Building Permit Application form can be found on the website at [www.indianheadpark-il.gov](http://www.indianheadpark-il.gov) or at Village Hall.
2. Make sure the contractor you have decided to use has obtained an Indian Head Park Contractor's Business License, which is good for 1 year. ( Contractor's will need to fill out the application and turn it in with a Certificate of Insurance with the Village as the holder, along with a \$75.00 payment).
3. If you live within a HOA, you will need a written letter of approval from your Homeowners Association, stating they approve the proposed deck.
4. If you do not live within an HOA, you will need to submit three copies of a Plat of Survey. Draw to scale on the Plat of Survey the exact size and location of the proposed deck, and show how far the new structure will be from all lot lines.
5. Last step would be to submit three sets of plans showing the overall size of the structure, pier and post locations, size, span, and spacing of floor joists, span and spacing of beams, decking material, handrails, guardrails, stair guards, and dimensions of everything listed above.

Please note that **NOT** obtaining a building permit is in violation of Village Ordinances. Working within Village limits without a permit can be very costly, starting that pricing doubles if you decide to move forward and work without a permit.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to call the Village Hall at 708-246-3080. Our building inspector is here everyday, Monday through Friday, from 10:00 am – 11:00 am. You can also email our Building Inspector Kirk Weisbrodt at [building@indianheadpark-il.gov](mailto:building@indianheadpark-il.gov), and he will be glad to help or answer any questions.



## **Is Your Address Visible? It Can Save Your Life**

When you call emergency personnel such as the police, an ambulance, or the fire department, they should be able to identify your home as quickly as possible. Don't make the job more difficult by obscuring your street address.

At any time of year, move or trim shrubbery that covers up your street number, and move other obstacles such as construction material that interferes with the address visibility. During Holidays, please make sure holiday decorations do not cover your address.

Keep your address well lit. If your outside light is next to the door, but your address is over the garage, install a second light. To ensure visibility you can install illuminated numbers.

Try to keep your address numbers a contrasting color from the background. A brown painted number against a brown wall can be tough to pick out.

Newly built homes often have temporary lot numbers but no street addresses posted. Tell the emergency dispatcher your lot number. If that number isn't well lit, advise the dispatcher of identifying features or landmarks, such as the type of car in the driveway.

The emergency services personnel in your area should be familiar with the streets. But if you have time on the phone, you could provide basic directions, such as the nearest main intersection.

Look at your address from the street to make sure that it is visible. It doesn't do a police car or ambulance any good if the address can only be read from a few feet away.

In an emergency, a few minutes or even seconds can make a difference to your safety. Making your address clearly visible can ensure that emergency personnel find you without delay.



## **Leash Laws Within The Village**

Spring is here, and that means we are all going to be outside more, including our family pets! Please note that all dogs and cats must be leashed and under the control of someone when they are out and about. The Village would also like to remind residents who are dog owners to register their dogs at Village Hall, if they have not already done so. This service is free of charge and helps in reuniting lost animals to their owners, as well as making sure, in general all dogs within the

Village are properly vaccinated. All dogs are required to have received their rabies vaccination along with registering, so please bring a veterinarian's certificate as proof of such inoculation. Without proof of rabies vaccination, the village staff is not allowed to issue a license and tag.

## Indian Head Park and Cannabis

The recreational use of cannabis is allowed in Illinois as of January 1, 2020. The State of Illinois General Assembly passed, and Governor Pritzker signed, the Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act which legalizes recreational Cannabis.

The law allows adults, which is anyone over the age of 21, to consume cannabis within private residences. You cannot use cannabis in public, in our parks, or near persons under 21 years of age. You also cannot use cannabis where you can be reasonably be observed by others.

Private property owners and landlords can prohibit the use of cannabis on their properties.

**DO NOT USE CANNABIS WHILE DRIVING, AND PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ANY SUBSTANCE.**



## REMINDER

### No Sheds & No Fences Allowed Within Village Limits



The Village would like to remind residents that Sheds and Fences are not allowed within the Village of Indian Head Park limits. Chapter 42-11 and Chapter 42-14, of the Village Municipal Code, prohibits sheds and fences in most cases. If you see that your neighbor has a shed or a fence, it may be because of exceptions within the municipal code or a special use variance was provided. For information on exceptions and special use variances, feel free to call 708-246-3080 or stop by Village Hall located at 201 Acacia Drive.

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# Sign Up For Smart911 Emergency Notification System

## What is Smart911?

The Smart911 Emergency Notification System is a fast communication service allowing the Village of Indian Head Park to notify citizens of an emergency situation straight from our dispatch center. It enables the Village to provide mass notification quickly and easily, as well as allowing residents to create a “safety Profile” for first responders to know pertinent information that could help if an emergency should occur at your household.

Examples of times when the Smart911 system may be utilized include bomb threats, utility outages, drinking water contamination, water main breaks, evacuation notices and routes, fires or floods, hostage situations, and missing persons. The system may also be used to notify citizens of non-emergency situations as necessary and appropriate.

## Smart911 System:

The Smart911 system will record messages to voicemail and answering machines. When there is no answer at a telephone number, Smart911 will attempt to deliver messages three times before deleting the number from the queue.

If you have caller ID installed on your phone, the Smart911 call may display as an "unknown caller"; however, the number will be (999) 911-9999. Please make a note of this, and do not disregard calls from this number!



Upon receiving a Smart911 alert do not call 9-1-1 unless instructed to do so. You will only tie up emergency lines.

## How to Sign up to Receive Notifications and Create a Safety Profile:

1. Go to [Smart911.com](http://Smart911.com)
2. Next, click on the green “SIGN UP NOW” button.
3. Fill out your safety profile information, and then click “CREATE ACCOUNT” button.
4. After you have created your account, click profile settings.
5. Under profile settings, you can opt in or out of certain types of alert notifications. Please click Indian Head Park notifications, and any others that you would like to be notified about.

## How do I know if my Safety Profile was successfully created?

When you complete registration, Smart911 will automatically direct you to your Smart911 Safety Profile and will send a message to your registered email address confirming your account. Smart911 will not deliver your Safety Profile to 9-1-1 answering centers unless you have verified the phone(s) listed in your profile by responding to the text message or automated call placed to that phone.

## Does my safety Profile expire?

No. However Smart911 requires you to log into your Safety Profile and confirm or update your information every 6 months. Even if no information has changed within 6 months, 9-1-1 call takers need to be assured that the information they are viewing during your call is accurate within the past 6 months.

**\*\*\* TIP: REMEMBER TO SIGN IN PERIODICALLY TO KEEP YOUR SAFETY PROFILE CURRENT!\*\*\***

## Heritage Center and Library

The Heritage Center houses the Indian Head Park Village Community Library. During the year residents donate books from their own collection to be shared with others in the community. We have a wonderful fiction and non-fiction collections full of current best sellers, your favorite mystery authors, children's books, and biographies.

The Heritage Center can also be used for community meetings and gatherings, please call Village Hall for inquiry at 708-246-3080 or email [admin@indianheadpark-il.gov](mailto:admin@indianheadpark-il.gov)

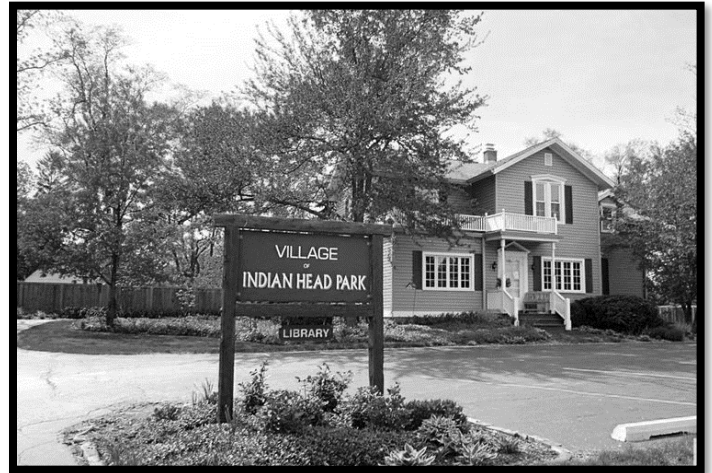
The library is always in need of volunteers. Volunteers are responsible for staffing the library one morning or afternoon a month—the more volunteers, the more hours the facility can be open! Please contact Head Docent Jean Southerland if you are interested in volunteering at [jeansoutherland@gmail.com](mailto:jeansoutherland@gmail.com). Book donations may be dropped off at the Heritage Center during library hours or can be left at the Village Hall in the vestibule.

## Heritage Center Library

### Hours of Operation

Saturdays 10:00am - 3:00pm

Sundays 12:00pm - 3:00pm

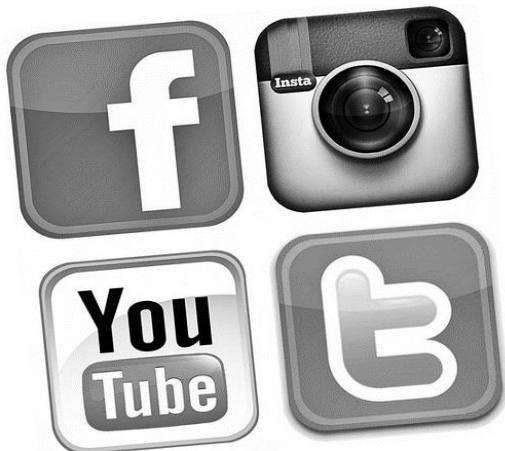


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*Indian Head Park T-shirts, Totes and Honey are all sold at the Heritage House. All proceeds directly fund the Heritage Center Community Library.*  
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## Stay Connected & Follow The Village on Social Media!

Our Village Board, along with Mayor Hinshaw want to keep residents up-to-date as quickly as possible, while being as transparent as possible. One way of making this happen is that the Village updated our website, and incorporated social media platforms such as; Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. We encourage all residents to follow on all or any of the applications available! Monthly Board Meetings are streamed live on Facebook, and Comcast Channel 6!



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Website: [www.indianheadpark-il.gov](http://www.indianheadpark-il.gov)

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## Village Board of Trustees

Meets second Thursday of every month  
7:00 pm at Village Hall

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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